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9 MR. LAWSON: Thank you, sir. Our next speaker
10 is Jennifer Leong. She'll be followed by Melvin
11 Buckner and Marci McLendon.

12 MS. LEONG: I'm a little nervous. And I just
13 drank some coffee, so that didn't help very much.
14 My name's Jennifer Leong, and I'm a professor of
15 mathematics at Georgia State University. And I
16 also work with Earth Challenge, the nonprofit
17 organization which sponsored a bike ride of 13
18 people, one of which was myself, this past summer
19 from Atlanta, Georgia to Yucca Mountain.

20 As we traveled through various communities
21 who suffered and are currently suffering
22 environmental injustices and also through just a
23 few of the communities that will be affected by
24 this Nuclear Waste Policy Act, if it passes,
25 whatever mathematical understanding of the health

1 risks associated with this policy melted away.
2 Instead, what was engraved in my mind and my heart
3 were the faces of the people in these communities
4 -- none of whom, by the way, wanted this waste
5 coming through their community. We saw and met
6 people dying and struggling with cancers and
7 people living with a painful loss of loved ones in
8 their homes and their environment. Those faces
9 and their stories have given me empowerment that
10 many people never experience, and they also made
11 it painfully obvious to me that the only thing
12 that matters in all this talk, the only thing that
13 matters, is our health and therefore the health of
14 our environment. That's it.

15 As a young person representing sentiments of
16 a vast population of other young people from my
17 generation, I'm making a promise to all of you
18 today. I promise to make it my place to share the
19 empowerment I felt this summer with as many people
20 as I can and to encourage my peers to join me in
21 continuously challenging the governing entities
22 charged with protecting public health and our
23 environment.

1... 24 | The lunacy of this Nuclear waste Policy Act
25 and of the Yucca Mountain repository seems so

1... 1 apparent and simple to me that I felt I should
2 express my concerns in the simplest way possible.
3 Mirroring the words of the great Dr. Seuss, my
4 response to the DOE regarding this issue of Yucca
5 Mountain is as follows.
6 I do not like your storage plans.
7 I do not like it. Opposed I am.
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9 You should not put your garbage in a place
10 That cannot contain high-level waste.
11 You should not move it on a train.
12 You should not move it with a crane.
13 You can't ignore Shoshone claims.
14 For that you all should be ashamed.
15 Not on a train, not with a crane,
16 Not in Yucca Mountain. That's insane.
17 I do not like your storage plan.
18 I do not like it. Horrified I am.
19
20 You should not move waste in the casks.
21 You should not move it quite so fast.
22 Not in a cask, not with your past,
23 Not with your helpful paper masks.
24 I do not like your storage plan.
25 I do not like it. Insulted I am.
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27 You can't deny the simple fact
28 That Yucca Mountain's full of cracks.
29 The ground beneath the mountain moves.
30 Hot water, earthquakes, hot water plumes.
31 As obvious as the sky is blue,
32 This plan ensures we all are doomed.
33 I do not like your storage plan.
34 I do not like it. Enraged I am.
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36 Would you move your family near this site?
37 Would you move them there and sleep well at
38 night?
39 I do not think so. Am I right?
40 You should forget this deadly plight.
41 I do not like your storage plan.

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I do not like it. Appalled I am. _____

MR. LAWSON: Thank you. Melvin Buckner, and

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- 1 Mr. Buckner will be followed by Marci McLendon and
- 2 Dr. Lois Congdon.

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